

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 BONN 06839 291744Z

60

ACTION AID-59

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00

RSC-01 PC-10 USIA-15 IO-14 DODE-00 AGR-20 INT-08

COME-00 DRC-01 /174 W

----- 101690

R 291732Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2119

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BONN 06839

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, GW

SUBJECT: CHARI RIVER CROSSING

REF: A. NDJAMENA 0962; B. STATE 70790 C. ABIDJAN 2657

D. NDJAMENA 850 E. YAOUNDE 938 F. NDJAMENA 832

1. IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO US BY THE FRG INTERIOR MINISTRY DISASTER RELIEF DIVISION THAT THREE GERMAN AIR FORCE TRANSPORT PLANES -: WILL FLY THE PONTOON-TYPE FERRY MENTIONED IN PARA SIX OF REFTEL TO CHAD ON MAY 1-3, 1974. THIS FERRY IS PLANNED TO BE USED IN ADDITION TO THE ONE PRESENTLY IN OPERATION AND WILL TEMPORARILY SOLVE THE PRESENT CHARI RIVER CROSSING PROBLEMS. WITH A CARRYING CAPACITY OF UP TO 30 TONS, REQUIRING A WATER DEPTH OF 60 CM, IT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GERMAN CREW TO TRAIN LOCAL PERSONNEL OVER A ONE MONTH PERIOD. THEREAFTER THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO GOC RESPONSIBILITY. THE MINISTRY ADVISED US FURTHER THAT A GOC REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY PONTOON BRIDGE HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AS BEING IMPRACTICABLE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BONN 06839 291744Z

2. OUR CONTACT CONFIRMED THOUGH THAT THE FRG HAS

NOT YET DECIDED ON A REQUEST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT BRIDGE. HE ADDED THAT A DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHARI RIVER CROSSING BY THE GERMAN ENGINEER RAISED A NUMBER OF ISSUES. THESE ISSUES INCLUDE THE ALLEGED CHINESE COMMITMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AND THE INTEREST SHOWN BY FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND IN THE PROJECT. OUR CONTACT SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION WILL HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BEFORE THE PROJECT CAN BE PLACED AGAIN ON THE FRG INTER-MINISTERIAL AGENDA FOR A DECISION.

3. EMBASSY BONN HAS NOT RECEIVED REFTELS B-F.
HILLENBRAND

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISASTER RELIEF, CONSTRUCTION, BRIDGES (STRUCTURES)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BONN06839
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740102-0030
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974047/aaaaafuf.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AID
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A. NDJAMENA O962; B. STATE 70790 C., ABIDJAN 2657
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 MAY 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <24 MAR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CHARI RIVER CROSSING
TAGS: EAID, GE, CD, NI
To: STATE NDJAMENA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005